GOVERNEMNT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRAST

Public Services – Water Resources Department – Disciplinary action initiated against Sri T.Govardhan (Rtd), the then Deputy Director, Ground Water Department, Kurnool - Disciplinary proceedings concluded - Punishment imposed - Implementation of the orders of Hon'ble High Court in W.P (TR) No.345/2017, dated 26.07.2018 - Imposition of penalty of (1%) cut in pension permanently against CO – Revision of earlier punishment based on Hon'ble High Court orders in WP(AT) No 261 of 2022, dated: 20.03.2025 – To impose a penalty of one Percent (1%) cut in pension for a period of two years from the date of retirement – Orders – Issued.

WATER RESOURCES (VIG.II-A1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 603 Dated: 12-11-2025

Read the following:

1.	G.O.Ms.No.133, Irrigation & CAD (Ser-IV) Department, dated 17.10.2012
2.	The Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad for the state of Telangana and the State of Andhra Pradesh orders dated 26.07.2017.
3.	G.O.Rt.No.808, Water Resources (Ser-III) Department, dated 20.12.2017.
4.	Govt., Memo No.6201/Vig-I/A1/2013-4, Dated 06.07.2018.
5.	Representation of Sri T.Govardhan, Joint Director (Retired), through the Director, Ground Water and Water Audit Department, Vijayawada letter No.1965/EI(4)/2013, dated 26.07.2018.
6.	G.O.Ms. No. 122 Water Resources (Vig-I/A1) Department, dated: 23.11.2018.
7.	Hon'ble High Court Orders dated: 20.03.2025 in WP(AT) No. 261 of 2022.
8.	Letter from Director, Ground Water and Water Audit Department, Lr No. 860/EI/2025, dated: 09.05.2025.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, duly following the procedure prescribed as per A.P. Civil Services (CC & A) Rules, 1991, Government, have issued orders imposing a major penalty of cut in one annual grade increment with cumulative effect, with effect on pension against Sri T. Govardhan, the then Deputy Director, Ground Water Department, Kurnool. Aggrieved by the above orders, the charged officer has filed O.A.No.1620/2013, before Hon'ble APAT, Hyderabad.

2. And whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, the Hon'ble APAT has transferred said O.A. to the Hon'ble High Court in WP (TR) No.345 of 2017. The Hon'ble High Court in its order dated 26.07.2017 in WP (TR) No.345/2017 has made the orders to consider the explanation submitted by the petitioner and to pass final orders by assigning reasons in support of its decision.

3. After due procedure, in pursuance of the orders of the Hon'ble High Court in WP (TR) No.345 of 2017, dated.26.07.2017 and examination of the explanation dated: 24.05.2011 of the charge officer, the Government have decided to impose a penalty of one percent (1%) cut in pension permanently under Rule 9 of APRP

Rules, 1980 against Sri T. Govardhan, the then Deputy Director, Ground Water Department, Kurnool vide GO 6th read above.

4. Aggrieved by the above punishment, the charged officer Sri T. Govardhan (Rtd), the then DD, has filed O.A. before Hon'ble A.P.A.T., Hyderabad in O.A.No.2748/2018, dated 14.12.2018 and the case was transferred to Hon'ble High Court of Judicature in W.P. (AT) No. 261 of 2022.

5. In the reference 7th read above, the Hon'ble High Court in its orders dated: 20.03.2025 in W.P. (AT) No. 261 of 2022 has made the orders as such the impugned order dated 23.11.2018 is modified to the extent of limiting 1% permanent cut in pension to a period of two years from the date of his retirement. In the reference 8th read above, the Director, Ground Water and Water Audit Department has requested the Government to issue suitable directions on Hon'ble High Court Judgment in WP(AT) No. 261 of 2022, dated: 20.03.2025.

6. Government after careful examination of the Hon'ble High Court Judgment in WP(AT) No. 261 of 2022, dated: 20.03.2025 have decided to revise the quantum of punishment from one percent (1%) cut in pension permanently imposed in the reference 6th read above to that of "one percent (1%) cut in pension for two years from the date of retirement" against Sri T.Govardhan (Rtd), the then Deputy Director, Ground Water Department, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. Accordingly, the Government hereby orders to revise the quantum of punishment from one percent (1%) cut in pension permanently imposed in the reference 6th read above to that of "one percent (1%) cut in pension for two years from the date of retirement" against Sri T.Govardhan (Rtd), the then Deputy Director, Ground Water Department, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Director, Ground Water and Water Audit Department, AP shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri T.Govardhan (Rtd), the then Deputy Director, Ground Water Department, Kurnool (Retd) (**through** the Director, Ground Water and Water Audit Department, AP., Vijayawada.)
The Director, Ground Water and Water Audit Department, AP. Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Account General (A&E), Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
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SECTION OFFICER